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<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

THE UNION: NEVADA COUNTY-- Families eligible for housing assistance

Nearly 70 low-income families will receive housing assistance thanks to several grants, including an \$800,000 federal grant, recently obtained by Nevada County, Housing Program Manager Nina Bigley said.

<http://tu.us.publicus.com/article/20050304/NEWS/103040128>

VACAVILLE REPORTER: Vacant job keeps family from home

Marie Wagner has been waiting a long time. Forgive her if her patience is wearing just a little thin.

http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci_2596290

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

LAND USE / PLANNING

THE UNION DEMOCRAT - Lawsuit raises regional awareness

Calaveras and Tuolumne county officials say they have learned several lessons from a lawsuit over the Oak Canyon Ranch development as planning begins on another large project on nearby Copperopolis area acreage. Tuolumne County sued its neighbor 13 months ago, after Calaveras County approved Oak Canyon, an expansive residential, commercial and golf resort project...

http://www.uniondemocrat.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=16680

LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM: BELLFLOWER — Crime, housing top concerns

Crime and affordable housing top residents' concerns, according to a city survey released this week... In terms of affordable housing, concern among residents is higher than in past years, from 15 percent in 2001 to 40 percent. Other concerns include neighborhood parking and the presence of transients...

<http://www.presselegram.com/Stories/0,1413,204~21474~2741422,00.html#>

SANTA CLARITA SIGNAL - 60,000 New Homes Planned for SCV

More than 60,000 new homes will be added to the Santa Clarita Valley over the next 20 years, skirting the boundaries of the city but straining its services. That was the word Tuesday evening from county planners who met with Santa Clarita city officials. And the response was not one of happiness...

<http://www.the-signal.com/News/ViewStory.asp?storyID=6598>

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: SAN FRANCISCO-- Boulevard has architects drooling/ Their challenge: Turn old elevated freeway into design showcase

San Francisco's Octavia Boulevard already is one of the nation's most unusual stabs at neighborhood revitalization, with an elevated freeway being replaced by a landscaped road designed to be a community centerpiece.

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/03/04/BAGSDBKFJ1.DTL>

SACRAMENTO BEE: SACRAMENTO-- For 55 property owners, flood insurance cuts come - and go

Not so fast.

Sacramento's flood control agency mistakenly told 55 property owners that their land was out of the high-risk flood zone and no longer required flood insurance. The properties, along the Sacramento River in the city's Greenhaven-Pocket area, actually won't leave the flood zone until late 2006.

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/business/story/12506472p-13361890c.html>

SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT: Skyhawk mixed-use project planned

With all houses built, commercial district represents final phase

Skyhawk, the 500-home subdivision in Rincon Valley, may soon get its own high-end grocery store as part of a project that also would bring retail shops, professional offices and a handful of apartments to the intersection of Highway 12 and Mountain Hawk Road.

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050304/NEWS/503040383/1036/BUSINESS>

MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD: Battle continues over subdivision/ Supervisors were split on the 26-unit project

Although Monterey County supervisors narrowly approved a 26-lot north county subdivision this week, opponents likely will keep fighting the project.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/mcherald/news/local/11050328.htm>

SAN LUIS OBISPO TRIBUNE: Property owners help town plot future/ Developers will help pay for community blueprint, which could take a few years to finish

Three property owners in Shandon will pay \$500,000 to help the county cover the cost to update its blueprint for regulating the community's growth.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mld/sanluisobispo/news/local/11040311.htm>

VISALIA TIMES DELTA: Home permits issued in February set record

Visalia's booming housing market — supported by a recent report that put Visalia's home price appreciation among the highest in the nation — isn't going to be sliding backward anytime soon.

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050304/NEWS01/503040301/1002>

DESERT SUN: Understanding Measures B, C/ The Desert Sun's 3-day series to help voters understand measures on ballot

On Tuesday, voters will chose between competing visions of Palm Springs. At stake is nothing less than the future of the city, and possibly the Coachella Valley as a whole.

<http://www.thedesertsun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050304/NEWS05/503040335>

REAL ESTATE

LODI NEWS SENTINEL - Real estate remains hot in Lodi, but report claims end in sight Homebuyers paid an average of \$55,000 more in 2004 than they did the previous year for a house or condominium in Lodi, and local Realtors believe that trend will continue through the coming year. Others aren't so sure. The average price for a Lodi home sold in 2004 was \$304,947, according to the Lodi Association of Realtors. That figure was less than \$250,000 in 2003...

http://www.lodinews.com/articles/2005/03/03/news/01_realestate_050303.txt

MODESTO BEE: Houses Going Up/ Southwest Modesto project has 47 homes for low-income buyers; demand is intense

A rare opportunity to buy new homes priced as low as \$185,900 will be offered in Modesto next month when houses in the Rancho Encantado development go on sale.

<http://www.modbee.com/business/story/10063662p-10892304c.html>

VISALIA TIMES DELTA: Home market boom/ Jump in county prices fifth-fastest in nation

Home prices in Tulare County shot up an average of more than 27 percent last year, making the area the fifth-fastest appreciating home market in the country.

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050304/NEWS01/503040302/1002>

HOMELESSNESS

AUBURN JOURNAL: Night opened my eyes to reality of homelessness

While lying on the floor listening to the sound of 30 homeless men, women and children sleep beside me at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Roseville, I thought back to a phrase I heard touted over and over that day: "Many of us are just one paycheck away."

http://www.auburnjournal.com/articles/2005/03/04/news/top_stories/05myths.txt

TRANSPORTATION

LOS ANGELES TIMES: 12 Plans to Go on the Table to Aid O.C.-Riverside County Commute

Transportation officials today will unveil a dozen suggestions to reduce congestion on the 91 Freeway between Orange and Riverside counties, one of the heaviest traveled corridors in the state.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-riverside4mar04,1,2250215.story?coll=la-headlines-california>

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: A Blight on Urban Renewal/ Are Bay Area cities abusing eminent domain as a redevelopment tool?

Last week, I wrote about Kelo vs. New London, the recent U.S. Supreme Court case in which a Connecticut woman is fighting against her city's right to seize her home to make way for a large private development.

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/gate/archive/2005/03/04/carollloyd.DTL>

GOVERNMENT SITES:

California Dept. of Finance – Governor's Budget

http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development - Press Releases

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – Housing Policy Development Bibliographies

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/biblio.html>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – HCD Web News

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/news/clips.html>

Today's Focus at HUD [HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html](http://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html)

The United States General Accounting Office-GAO Reports

<http://www.gao.gov/audit.htm>

Federal Register, Today's Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html

Federal Register, Year 2005 Recent Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html

U.S. Census Bureau – News Releases

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/>

U.S. Census 2000 <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/2khome.htm>

California Supreme Court Decisions /

California Courts of Appeal Decisions (last 100 days are posted in full text)

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

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